

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. - 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:

storing a job ticket for specifying an output condition into a first job ticket storing area of a storage section equipped in an image forming apparatus, the output condition being specified for outputting image data onto an output medium;

editing the job ticket stored in the first job ticket storing area by using an operation section equipped in the image forming apparatus;

~~controlling the image forming apparatus,~~ when a request for editing the job ticket is received from a remote operation apparatus connected to the image forming apparatus, ~~in such a way as to read out~~ reading out the job ticket from the first job ticket storing area and writing ~~write~~ the read job ticket into a second job ticket storing area in the storage section, the second job ticket storing area being configured to store the job ticket capable of being edited only by the remote operation apparatus;

allowing ~~exclusively~~ the remote operation apparatus to exclusively edit the job ticket stored in the second job ticket storing area;

~~controlling the image forming apparatus,~~ reading out, when a request for saving the job ticket is received from the remote operation apparatus, ~~in such a way as to read out~~ the job ticket edited by the remote operation apparatus from the second job ticket storing area and writing ~~write~~ the read job ticket into the first job ticket storing area; and

outputting the image data onto the output medium by applying the job ticket edited by using the operation section and/or by applying the job ticket edited by using the remote operation apparatus.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image forming method for forming an image by using an image forming apparatus connected in communication with a plurality of remote operation apparatus for editing a job ticket specifying an output condition to output image data onto an output medium, the image forming apparatus comprising a storage section including a first job ticket storing area and a plurality of second job ticket storing areas, and the image forming method comprising:

storing the job ticket in ~~[[a]]~~ the first job ticket storing area of a storage section including a plurality of job ticket storing areas, the storage section equipped in the image forming apparatus;

editing the job ticket stored in the first job ticket storing area by using an operation section equipped in the image forming apparatus; ~~[[and]]~~

~~controlling the image forming apparatus to write, when a control section~~ the image forming apparatus receives a request for editing the job ticket from one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, reading the job ticket from the first job ticket storing area, and writing into one of the plurality of second job ticket storing areas; and ~~to allow~~

allowing exclusively said one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus to edit the job ticket written into said one of the plurality of second job ticket storing areas.

12. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of claim 11, further comprising:

transmitting, when the ~~control section~~ image forming apparatus receives the request for editing the job ticket from said one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, identification information to identify the job ticket being subjected to the requested editing by said one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus.